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Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, announced the plea today of Donald Wray, age 36, of Alexandria, Virginia, before the Honorable Judge James C. Cacheris, United States District Judge, to one count of mail fraud in connection with his employment as a supervisor with Fairfax County's Department of Vehicle Services at the County's West Ox Road garage. He will be sentenced on December 2, 2005, at which time he faces a maximum term of imprisonment of 16 months.

From July 1998 through September 2001 Wray arranged for the Department of Vehicle Services to purchase either overpriced or unneeded automotive related products from Stone Cold Chemicals, a Florida company, causing a loss to the County of approximately \$116,000. At the same time, Wray was receiving gratuities from Stone Cold Chemicals in the form of gift cards from such stores as Wal-Mart, Toys-R-Us, and Target. Stone Cold Chemicals also provided race car (NASCAR) replicas which were valued at several hundred dollars each. In total, Wray received approximately \$17,500 in gratuities.

Mr. McNulty stated: "The defendant abused his position of trust and authority for personal gain. This case is a blight on the good reputation of those employees of Fairfax County who work diligently and honestly in their positions. Procurement fraud is a top priority with this office and we will continue to vigorously prosecute those who abuse the system for personal gratification."

The investigation was conducted by the FBI and the Fairfax County Police Department. The prosecution of this case is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Stephen Learned.

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